

Listing of the claims

Claims 1 to 19 (cancel)

Claim 20 (previously presented) A bioemulsifier isolated from an *Acinetobacter* strain which can be isolated from human skin wherein said bioemulsifier comprises protein, polysaccharide and lipid wherein the bioemulsifier retains 35% stability after 140 hours at 10° C.

Claim 21 (previously presented) The bioemulsifier according to claim 20 isolated from *Acinetobacter junii*.

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Claim 24 (currently amended) The bioemulsifier according to claim ~~24~~ 27 wherein at peak esterase activity, 61.3% of esterase, as measured by enzyme activity, is associated with cells and 38.6% of the esterase is secreted into the a fermentation medium.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The bioemulsifier according to claim 27 wherein increase in bioemulsifier concentration from 0.5 to 3 ml against a fixed volume of 6 ml of almond oil results in a reduction of viscosity of the almond oil by 40.3%

Claim 26 (new) A bioemulsifier isolated from an *Acinetobacter* strain which can be isolated from human skin wherein said bioemulsifier comprises 50.5% protein, 43% polysaccharide and 3.8% lipid.

Claim 27 (new) A bioemulsifier isolated from *Acinetobacter junii* herein said bioemulsifier comprises 50.5% protein, 43% polysaccharide and 3.8% lipid.